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A. Claim Amendments.

Claims 1-57 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 58-84 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 58-82 are now pending in this application. The new claims are all supported by the original claims in the Specification, as amended to address the Examiner's suggestion that Claims 20-22 would be allowable if rewritten as independent claims.

New Claim Number	Example of Specification Support
58	Original claims 1 and 20
59	Original claims 1 and 21
60	Original claims 1 and 22
61	Original claim 3
62	Original claim 4
63	Original claim 5
64	Original claim 6
65	Original claim 7

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New Claim Number	Example of Specification Support
66	Original claim 8
67	Original claim 9
68	Original claim 10
69	Original claim 11
70	Original claim 12
71	Original claim 13
72	Original claim 14
73	Original claim 15
74	Original claim 16
75	Original claim 17
76	Original claim 18
77	Original claim 19
78	Original claim 23
79	Original claim 24
80	Original claim 25
81	Original claim 26

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New Claim Number	Example of Specification Support
82	Original claim 27
83	Original claim 28
84	Original claim 2

No new matter having been added by the proposed amendments to the claims, their entry is respectfully requested.

B. Response to Claim Rejections Under Sections 101 and 103

Claims 1 -19 and 23-28 are variously rejected under Section 101 (Claims 52-55) and 103(a) (1-57). However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 20-22 would all be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

In the interest of early allowance, the pending claims have been canceled, without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuing application. In the newly added claims, Applicants have set forth the allowable claims rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. The source of the original claim limitations that are now set forth in each of the newly added claims is identified in the foregoing Table.

Applicants submit that the newly presented claims are allowable in accord with the suggestions made in the Office Action. Allowance thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

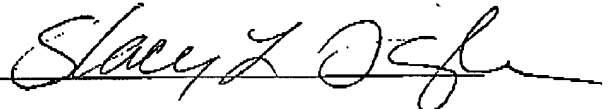
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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